

ishment by his death. These are justly ranked among those, who bring in damnable heresies, for they deny him in his most important character. If we were guiltless and holy beings, and needed only to be instructed what our duty is, such men as the Apostles, endued as they were with heavenly gifts might have been adequate to the work. But we needed *redemption*, as well as instruction ; and to accomplish this, no being merely human, however richly endued, was sufficient. "For such an high priest became us, who is *holy, harmless and undefiled*, and who is made *higher than the heavens* ; who needed not, like the ancient priests, to offer sacrifice first for *his own sins*, and then for the people's ; for this he did *once*, when he offered up *himself*. The law made men priests, who had infirmity ; but the word of the oath, maketh the Son, who is *perfected for evermore*." Therefore "the blood of Christ, who through the *Eternal Spirit* offered himself *without spot* to God purgeth the conscience from dead works."

If any ask, why the denial of the redemption excludes men from salvation ? I answer ; Because it implies a temper inconsistent with salvation. He who imagines, that he needs no redemption, must think that he deserves no punishment, and such a man will exercise no repentance ; for what has he to repent of, who has never done any thing to offend God's purity, or to deserve his displeasure ? In order to our receiving pardon, we must know ourselves, be convinced of our sins, feel a godly sorrow for them, and realize our desert of condemnation. The innocent need no pardon and will ask for none.

No man, under a deep conviction of his guilt, will deny his dependence on mercy, nor refuse to receive mercy through a redeemer. Christ came to save them who are lost. They only who see themselves to be lost, will resort to him as a Saviour.

Besides ; As God in his grace has appointed a way of salvation, they who receive it must receive it in this way. If such a method were wholly unnecessary, we cannot suppose God would have ordained it. If it be necessary, we must submit to it. Our Lord says to the Jews, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." The apostle says, "There